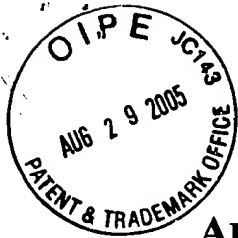


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Dear Sirs:

The applicant received a Notice of Abandonment of application Serial No. 09/786,547 dated June 2, 2004 citing no response to an Office Action.

The applicant submitted a Request for Reinstatement by fax on June 29, 2004. The Request for Reinstatement was based on a response which was timely filed and copies of a stamped postcard and an Express Mail receipt were provided. Copies of all this correspondence is enclosed herewith.

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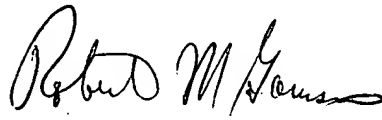
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In a review of our files, we noted that no action has been taken on the Request for Reinstatement. It is requested that application Serial No. 09/786,547 be reinstated and examined on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Examiner Mai:

Per our telephone conversation of June 28, 2004, enclosed is a Notice of Abandonment and a Request for Reinstatement of the above-identified application. Copies of previously submitted documents are enclosed.

Your follow-up on this situation and your telephone call are appreciated.

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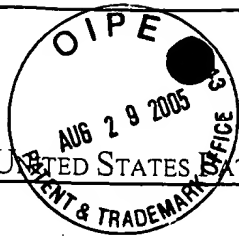
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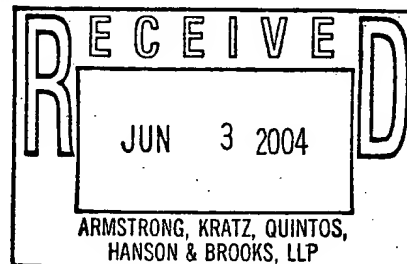
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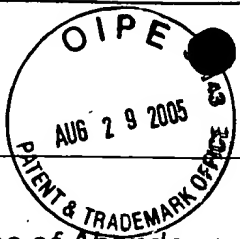
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This application is abandoned in view of:

1. ☒ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 03 July 2003.
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Dear Sir:

We believe that the enclosed Notice of Abandonment dated June 7, 2004 for the above-identified patent application was issued in error and we are requesting a reinstatement of our application.

Enclosed please find the required proof as follows:

1. A copy of the postcard with the PTO mail room date stamp of December 3, 2003.
2. A copy of our letter of December 3, 2003.
3. A copy of our check No. 04347 in the amount of \$1,190.00 for the Request for Continued Examination and for Extension of Time.
4. A copy of the Express Mail receipt dated December 3, 2003.

5. Copy of Form PTO/SB/30, REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL duly executed, dated December 3, 2003.
6. Copy of Petition for Request of Extension of Time dated December 3, 2003.

A statement of supporting facts: As the attorney for the applicant who has worked on this case since February 11, 2003, I can personally state that the enclosed documents are a true copy of the originally filed documents.

Please cancel the Notice of Abandonment and examine the application on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

June 29, 2004

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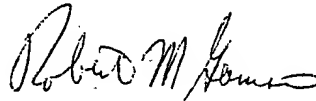
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